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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, PINS, SU

SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF BOEING 707'S

REF:KHARTOUM 1627, KHARTOUM 1653

1. UNDER SECRETARY SISCO DISCUSSED WITH BOEING CHAIRMAN WILSON JULY 16 INADVISABILITY OF BOEING PARTICIPATION IN MAJOR CEREMONY IN KHARTOUM MARKING DELIVERY OF BOEING 707. UNDER SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT GOS MIGHT WISH USE PRESENCE OF BOEING OFFICIALS FOR LOCAL PUBLICITY PURPOSES AS INDICATION OF USG-GOS RELATIONSHIPS PROCEEDING NORMALLY NOTWITHSTANDING RELEASE BY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI KHARTOUM TERRORISTS. UNDER SECRETARY INFORMED WILSON SUCH IMPRESSION WOULD NOT ONLY BE UNFORTUNATE BUT ALSO INCORRECT IN VIEW CONTINUED SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH USG VIEWED NIMEIRI DECISION. UNDER SECRETARY STRONGLY URGED COMPANY NOT REPEAT NOT PARTICIPATE IN BOEING TURN OVER OF AIRCRAFT IN KHARTOUM.

2. WILSON'S INITIAL RESPONSE WAS THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN BRIEFED ON SUBJECT. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE CALLED UNDER SECRETARY BACK TO TELL HIM ADVANCED STATE OF PREPARATION FOR TRIP AND EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO IT RULED OUT CANCEL-
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LATION AT THIS LATE DATE. DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS BY

UNDER SECRETARY TO GET WILSON TO CHANGE POSITION LATTER
DECLINED TO DO SO.

3. IN CONFORMITY OUR VIEW AS EXPRESSED BY UNDER SECRETARY
SISCO, THERE SHOULD BE NO RPT NO EMBASSY PARTICIPATION IN
ANY CEREMONY, OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL SOCIAL FUNCTION
CONNECTED WITH BOEING DELIVERIES. CONSEQUENTLY, RECEPTION
HOSTED BY PRIVATE SUDANESE MENTIONED IN PARA D, KHARTOUM
1653 SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ATTENDED BY EMBASSY
REPRESENTATIVES.

4. FYI. EXIM HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT SUSPEND
ACTION ON PENDING LOAN FOR TWO BOEING 737'S RPT 737'S.
END FYI. KISSINGER

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